



Literally Speaking...

The Newsletter of the York County Public Library

July/August 2005

Pharos computer reservation system has arrived!

The Library has installed a new self-service computer reservation system on all our public computers. This new system, called Pharos, allows people who use the Internet or the word processing computers to make their own reservations. The goal of the new system is to make the reservation process more efficient and equitable for all library patrons.

Patrons may use the public computers at either branch for a maximum of two hours per day. In order to sign on, please go to the Pharos Reservation Station at the catalog stand, log in with your

library card number and reserve a computer. The Queue Monitor will indicate which computer you should go to when it's your turn. When a computer is ready for you, just sit down and log in.

Patrons who use our computers will need a valid York County Public Library card to place a reservation. A valid card is any card with less than \$5.00 in fines and fees.

Pharos also includes a new system for printing which tells the user how many pages will be printed when a print request is made. The user can then decide to proceed with

the print job or cancel it. Printing costs 15 cents a page. Centralized high-speed laser printers are installed in the copy rooms at both libraries, and will accept cash (one-dollar and five-dollar bills or coins). Should you need to change a larger denomination bill, please see the staff at the Circulation Desk.

Please bear with us as we learn how to use this new system. If you have any questions, please ask the staff at the Adult Services Desk or call the Tabb Library at 890-5120 or the Yorktown Library at 890-5207.

Frequently Asked Questions about the Pharos system

Will Pharos keep a history of my Internet activity?

This system is not being implemented to track Internet activity. Our version of Pharos does not provide us with information about what Internet sites are being viewed. However, we do continue to expect our patrons to avoid Internet sites that may contain objectionable material. Anyone who violates this agreement will be asked to leave the premises and may have their Internet privileges revoked.

What do I need to use Pharos?

To use Pharos you will need a valid York County Public Library card. You will use your library card barcode (the 14 digit number on the back of your library card beginning with 23146) as your login. Passwords will be required. Visitors and patrons who do not have their card with them can get visitor passes at the Adult Services desk.

How long can I use a computer?

A maximum of 2 hours per day. A single reservation should not last more than 60 minutes. After your first hour, you may sign up on the same computer or another computer for as long as 60 minutes. If other people are waiting, you can sign up for a second hour at the

Pharos Station, but you will go into the queue and you will have to wait your turn.

What if I use up my 2 hours? If computers are not being used, can I sign up for more time?

No, the system will not permit it.

Are there advance reservations over the phone or over the Web?

No, only in person. The system only accepts one reservation at a time.

How long will the system hold my reservation?

Advance reservations will be held for 15 minutes, which is included in your total session time for that day. If you are in the queue for the next available computer, the system will hold your reservation for 10 minutes, which is **not** included in your total session time.

Will the system warn me at the end of my time?

Yes, when there are 10 minutes remaining, and a final warning at 2 minutes remaining. There is also a clock icon at the bottom right hand corner of the screen that counts down your session minutes.

How do I print with Pharos?

From the computer, click to print

your document as you normally would. Follow the pop-up dialog questions by first entering in your library card number. Confirm your print job by clicking "OK", or clicking "Cancel" if you do not want to print the item.

From the Pharos Station, login using your library card number and choose the "Print a Document" icon from the menu. Select the job you'd like to print from the list by clicking on it. Click "Print" to release the job to the printer for printing, or click "Delete" to cancel printing. When you have finished printing, press "Log Off" to end your session.

Once a job is selected and released for printing, it cannot be cancelled.

Why are you switching to Pharos? I liked your old system of signing up.

The old system wasn't working for us. There were misunderstandings and confusion over who was signed up where, making it difficult for both patrons and staff. Many patrons would walk away when they saw all of the computers being used, so we weren't serving all of our patrons equally. Also with our honor system of paying for print jobs, we were losing money on both paper and toner.

Adult Summer Reading Program under way

Prizes available for summer readers throughout July and August

The York County Public Library's Adult Summer Reading Program is officially under way with chances to win prizes in drawings held weekly throughout July and August. It is a great opportunity to become more well-read this summer. Registrations will be accepted through August 31.

Every book read between June 20 and August 31 may place the registrant's name in the drawing for a prize. Each entry, to be submitted on a standard index card or piece of paper of similar size,

must contain the title of the book, the author, the entrant's name and phone number. Entries must be submitted to the Adult Services desk at either Tabb or Yorktown libraries by August 31.

If the entrant also writes a **book review**, and delivers it to the Adult Services desk, he or she will be entered in an additional prize drawing. The reviews should be at least three sentences, and no longer than three paragraphs. The library patron who reads the most books between June 20 and August 31 also will receive a prize.

A survey about the kinds of materials and programs they'd like to see when they visit the library will be entered into a separate prize drawing. Copies of the survey can be found at both libraries and on the Library's website after July 8.

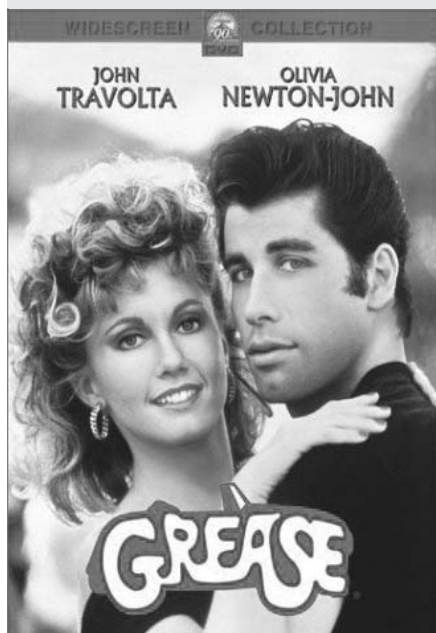
Participants must be at least 18 years old. Prizes include restaurant gift certificates, movie tickets, books, and book bags. Drawings will be held each week during July and August. For more information, call 890-5119.

Movies & Munchies at both libraries

July and August will be a great time to see those old musicals you love so much. Both Tabb and Yorktown libraries will be showing foot-stomping, hum-along movies all summer.

The shows at the Tabb Library

**Showing at Tabb
Monday, July 11
2:00 PM**



will be every Monday at 2:00 and Yorktown will have movies odd-numbered Thursdays at 1:00. Please come, for free munchies and a good time!

For more information, call 890-5119.

**Showing at Yorktown
Thursday, July 21
1:00 PM**



MOVIES & MUNCHIES

AT TABB

Monday, July 11

GREASE

Monday, July 18

CHICAGO

Monday, July 25

CABARET

Monday, August 1

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Monday, August 8

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Monday, August 15

WEST SIDE STORY

Monday, August 22

BYE BYE BIRDIE

Monday, August 29

FLOWER DRUM SONG

AT YORKTOWN

Thursday, July 7

MY FAIR LADY

Thursday, July 21

GUYS & DOLLS

Thursday, August 11

SOUTH PACIFIC

Thursday, August 25

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

SUMMER READING PROGRAM CONTINUES THROUGH AUGUST 5

FUNtastic Reading is this year's theme for the York County Public Library's Summer Reading Program, which runs through August 5 at both libraries. The focus of this program is to keep children reading or being read to over the summer. The Library has a full schedule of fun activities for children ages 2 ½ to 12 designed to keep everyone coming to the Library and reading all summer. Walk, skip, march, or hike to the Library for performers, workshops, story times, movies – and of course, great books! All programs are free and open to everyone.

Participants in the program write down books they have read or time spent reading in a log. After they have read 5 hours or 5 books, they can come into the library once a week to show us their accomplishments and receive prizes for their efforts. If a child

completes the weekly reading for 4 of the 6 weeks of the program, he or she will receive a book.

Weekly performers present programs based on the Summer Reading Program's theme. Movie Mondays feature a 10:30 AM showing of a children's movie in the Tabb meeting room. Terrific Tuesdays will bring a variety of performers to the Library. Wednesdays and Thursdays are full of story times for all ages. Fantastic Fridays features selected workshops and demonstrations. Registration may be limited depending upon the program.

All programs are sponsored by the Friends of the York County Library and the York County Library Foundation. Visit the Youth Services website at <http://www.yorkcounty.gov/children> or call 890-5110 for additional information.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM EVENTS

MOVIE MONDAYS 10:30 AM AT TABB

July 11	Life's a Circus, Charlie Brown
July 18	Two Brothers
July 25	Racing Stripes
August 1	Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS 10:30 AM AT TABB

July 12	The Opera Clown
July 19	Storyteller
	Judy Pancoast
July 26	Magician
	Jonathan Austin
August 2	Wappadoodle Puppets

FANTASTIC FRIDAYS 2:00 PM AT TABB

July 15	Teen Karaoke
July 22	Teen Tie-Dye
July 29	Teen Passport Auction
August 5	SRP FUNtastic Finale

Nature Program: "Snakes Alive!"
Thursday, July 28-2:00 PM-Tabb

**AND DON'T FORGET...
READING LOGS ARE DUE
BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 5!**

Drop-In Story Times

for ages 3½ to 5

at Yorktown

Wednesdays 10:15 AM – 10:45 AM

at Tabb

Wednesdays 10:15 AM – 10:45 AM

Wednesdays 11:15 AM – 11:45 AM

Thursdays 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Call 890-5110 or 890-3936
for more information!

Socrates Cafe at Tabb July 19 and August 16

The next sessions of the Socrates Cafe program will meet on Tuesday, July 19 and August 16 at 7 PM by the fireplace at the Tabb Library. If you like voicing your opinions – and you're unafraid of having your opinions challenged – join us for a lively, spirited session of philosophical inquiry. Patrons of all ages are welcome to participate. Call 890-5109 for more information.

Dial-A-Story lines open for kids

Have Story Time with the Library any time of the day or night! Our Dial-A-Story line has a story for every child 24 hours a day!

Every month, we have three stories for our young patrons to call and hear. There's a new menu of stories every month – look on our Library Children's Page at <http://www.yorkcounty.gov/children> for the story list for the month!

Call our Dial-a-Story line at 890-5111 and enjoy a fun story today!

Tiny Tales

ages 6 to 14 months

Wednesdays 11:00-11:30 AM

Toddler Tales

ages 15 to 30 months

Tuesdays 10:15-10:45 AM

Wednesdays 10:15-10:45 AM

Wednesdays 11:00-11:30 AM

Thursdays 10:15-10:45 AM

**NEW SESSIONS BEGIN
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
AT THE TABB LIBRARY
REGISTRATION BEGINS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
Call 890-5110 for more information!**

Surprising Statistics: A national problem, a local problem, and one solution

According to the U.S. Department of Education, 21-23% of the total adult population of the U.S. is functionally illiterate - approximately 40-44 million people. On the Peninsula, the adult illiteracy rate is as high as 25%, according to the 1990 U.S. census. These adults are unable to complete a job application, read a story to a child, or keep a checkbook balanced.

Because these adults are unable to help their children read, they often help perpetuate a family cycle of illiteracy. Without books, newspapers, or magazines in the home and a parent who reads to serve as a role model, children of these adults may grow up with reading deficiencies.

What can we do about this problem? All of us can **learn more** about it. Some can **spread the word** that there are places to go for help. Others can **be trained** to become a volunteer Basic Literacy Tutor or English as a Second Language Tutor. Still others can **donate** an old computer when they buy a new one.

On Wednesday, August 17 at 7:00 PM at the Tabb Library the director of Peninsula Reads will help us learn more about this problem in York County. Peninsula Reads provides literacy education to adults through individual and small-group instruction, thus giving them the skills they need to participate fully in society. Come join us.

Coming to the Library this summer and fall:

- **Socrates Cafe** philosophical discussion group
- **Seasonal Gardening** lecture and demonstration series
- **Saturdays at Seven** monthly concert series featuring groups from diverse musical traditions (jazz, classical, bluegrass, folk and more)
- **Pet Care and Training** lecture and demonstration series
- **Chamber Concerts** featuring local faculty and student performers
- **Russian Literature Reading Group** meeting monthly starting in the fall

For details, check the **What's Happening** bulletin at the Library.

For additional information, or to be placed on a notification list, call 890-5119.

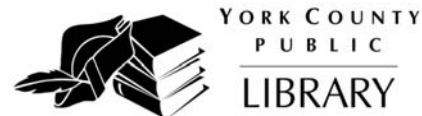
Join the Craft Craze

Itching to unleash your creativity? Owe friends or relatives cards or gifts? Accomplish two things at once—enroll in craft classes at the Library!

Discover the amazing effects you can achieve with rubber stamps and other miscellanea, using ingenious techniques you'll learn here. Walk home with 3 beautiful cards you've created yourself, with the help of a talented teacher who provides everything you'll need. Make gift items, party favors, invitations, scrapbooks—the sky's the limit!

Classes will be held at the **Yorktown Library** from 1:00 to 2:30 PM on Wednesdays, July 13 & 27 and August 10 & 24, and at the **Tabb Library** from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on Thursdays, July 21 and August 4 & 18. Enroll in one, or all. Each class costs \$15, which includes personalized instruction and all sorts of craft materials. Come to the Library to see class descriptions and samples.

To register, contact Teresa at alwaysinatizzy@hotmail.com or call 890-5119.



Talk to us!

We're always happy to hear from our patrons. If you have a suggestion or comment you'd like to make to the Library, place a note in the Suggestion Box at either library or use the form on the Library website. This is *your* library—let us know what you think of it!



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HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday – Thursday	10 AM–9 PM
Friday	10 AM–6 PM
Saturday	10 AM–5 PM
Sunday	1 PM–5 PM

Visit the Library's website

<http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library/>

Enjoy story time at home...FREE!

DIAL-A-STORY 890-5111

Tabb Library

100 Long Green Boulevard
Yorktown, VA 23693
(at Hampton Hwy. & Long Green Blvd.)

Library Information	890-5100
Administration	890-5105
Circulation Desk	890-5130
Adult Services Desk	890-5120
Youth Services Desk	890-5110

Yorktown Library

8500 George Washington Mem. Highway
Yorktown, VA 23692
(at US Rt. 17 & Battle Rd.)

Library Information	890-3377
Circulation Desk	890-5209
Adult Services Desk	890-5207
Youth Services Desk	890-3236